

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are currently pending in the application. Claims 6, 9-12, 14, 15, 20-25, 27, 29 and 33-37 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 8 is hereby cancelled.

Claim 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 16, 17, 26 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,109,469 (Clive-Smith). Claims 3, 18, 19, 28, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Clive-Smith and in view of "ordinary skill in the art".

New claims 38-40 are presented for consideration.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 13, 16-19, 26, 28 and 30-32, and favorable consideration of new claims 38-40 are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Patel for the courtesies extended him at the interview on September 20, 2005.

During the interview, amendments as now presented herein were discussed. The Examiner noted that discrete signage is often placed on the outside of cargo containers having exposed corrugated sheets. As amended, claim 1 includes the limitations of claim 8, which characterizes the alternating ridges and grooves as comprising alternating internal ridges and grooves and alternating external ridges and grooves, with the at least one external panel bridging a plurality of external ridges and connected thereto. Further, claim 1 is amended to characterize the at least one external panel as extending over a majority of the area of at least one of the spaced side walls.

It is believed that this amendment addresses the concerns raised by the Examiner and clearly delineates the structure in claim 1 from the prior art.

Claims 2-5, 7, 13, 16-19, 26, 28, and 30-32 depend cognately from claim 1 and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over the cited art.

New claim 38 includes the limitation of claims 1 and 2 as previously pending. Claim 2, as previously pending, characterized the at least one corrugated sheet as extending over substantially the entire extent of at least one of the side walls and the at least one external panel as connected to the at least one corrugated sheet to define substantially the entire exposed outside surface of the one side wall.

This claim patentably distinguishes over Clive-Smith, as might be modified by including signage as noted by the Examiner.

Claim 39 depends from claim 38 and further characterizes the external panel as defining a substantially continuous planar shape over substantially the entire exposed outside surface on the one side wall.

New claim 40 corresponds to claim 1, as previously pending, and further characterizes the at least one corrugated sheet as extending over a majority of the extent of at least one of the side walls and the at least one external panel as connected to the at least one corrugated sheet to define a majority of the entire exposed outside surface on the one side wall.

Again, it is submitted that this claim distinguishes over Clive-Smith alone and as modified by structure related to signage applied to corrugated panels on prior art cargo containers, as noted by the Examiner.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 13, 16-19, 26-38 and 30-32, favorable consideration to new claims 38-40, and allowance of the case are requested.

Enclosed is the extra claim fee of \$50.00. Should additional fees be required in connection with this matter, please charge our deposit account No. 23-0785.

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